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January Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$16.50 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in December 2010, down 50 cents from December 2009. The January 2011 price is expected to be \$16.00 per cwt., a decrease of 50 cents from last month.

The expected U.S. milk price for January is \$16.20 per cwt., 50 cents lower than last month, but 20 cents more than Wisconsin's price. All 23 of the major milk producing states except for California are expecting their January price to be lower than December's price. California is expecting an increase of 52 cents. Idaho is expecting the lowest price in the country, at \$14.60 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.7550 per pound on January 31, while barrels were \$1.7250 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.1000 per pound.

For the week ending January 22, 2011 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.3949 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.4191 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.9954 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for January will be released on February 4.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	December 2009		December 2010		January 2011	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	17.00	3.76	16.50	3.84	16.00	3.82
CA	15.64	3.83	14.88	3.83	15.40	3.82
ID	15.40	3.77	15.00	3.82	14.60	3.76
MI	16.60	3.70	17.70	3.79	16.70	3.78
MN	16.90	3.84	16.30	3.87	15.80	3.83
NM	15.60	3.71	16.40	3.78	15.40	3.75
NY	17.10	3.80	18.30	3.86	17.20	3.81
PA	17.90	3.80	18.90	3.85	17.80	3.80
TX	16.90	3.86	17.70	3.96	16.80	3.93
US	16.50	3.79	16.70	3.85	16.20	3.82
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	17.00	3.76	16.50	3.84	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	16.00	3.97	15.00	3.96	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.
Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

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Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

Item and area	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	352,199	350,033	369,565	+5
Cheddar				
WI	55,659	49,465	56,000	+1
CA	30,624	26,396	27,808	-9
ID	45,103	45,676	45,867	+2
MN	42,221	37,918	42,836	+1
US	263,062	263,607	280,742	+7
Brick & Muenster	9,731	10,653	11,104	+14
Cream & Neufchatel	61,010	66,432	58,576	-4
Hispanic	17,961	17,654	19,075	+6
Mozzarella				
WI	76,326	73,016	76,200	n.c.
CA	95,794	110,630	110,872	+16
US	288,779	299,378	308,841	+7
Parmesan	21,233	17,099	17,831	-16
Provolone	28,288	29,443	28,820	+2
Ricotta	23,561	27,019	25,999	+10
Romano	3,870	2,688	3,104	-20
Other Italian types	4,069	5,074	5,712	+40
Total Italian				
WI	108,969	106,355	110,436	+1
CA	104,759	118,731	120,177	+15
US	369,800	380,701	390,307	+6
Swiss	28,336	27,780	29,287	+3
All other cheese	24,835	29,707	26,468	+7
Total cheese				
WI	221,243	211,699	219,502	-1
CA	176,064	189,029	190,339	+8
ID	69,715	70,721	74,674	+7
NY	60,013	67,197	64,845	+8
US	863,872	882,960	904,382	+5

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Wisconsin Cattle Inventory Up 1 percent, U.S. Down 1 Percent

Farmers in Wisconsin had 3.45 million head of cattle and calves on their farms as of January 1, 2011, an increase of 50,000 head from 2010. Wisconsin maintained its ninth place ranking in the nation for inventory of cattle and calves. Milk cow inventory continued to expand for the sixth year in a row as it increased 5,000 head to 1.27 million head on January 1. Wisconsin once again ranked second in number of milk cows, behind California. Milk replacement heifers increased to 700,000 head, up 30,000 from one year earlier. Milk replacement heifers are defined as heifers weighing 500 pounds or more (including heifers not yet of breeding age) which are intended for milking in the future.

Wisconsin's beef herd increased as farmers had 265,000 beef cows on hand, up 5,000 head from last year. Beef replacement heifers also increased 5,000 head to 65,000 head. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 370,000 head, 10,000 above the previous year. Cattle on feed also increased 10,000 head, to 250,000. Calves under 500 pounds totaled 700,000 head, equal to the previous year.

U.S. inventory of cattle and calves on January 1 totaled 92.6 million head, down 1 percent from last year. Texas led the way with 13.3 million head, followed by Kansas with 6.3 million head, and Nebraska with 6.2 million head. Beef cow numbers, at 30.9 million head, decreased 2 percent from the previous year, and milk cow numbers grew 1 percent to 9.1 million head. The number of heifers, including those for beef and milk cow replacement, was down slightly at 19.5 million head. The number of cattle on feed increased 3 percent to 14.0 million head.

Cattle and Calves - January 1, Wisconsin and U.S. 1/

Class	Wisconsin		United States	
	2011	Change	2011	Change
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
All cattle and calves	3,450	+1	92,582	-1
All cows	1,530	+1	40,014	-1
Beef cows	265	+2	30,865	-2
Milk cows	1,265	n.c.	9,150	+1
Heifers 500 lbs & over				
For beef cow replacement	65	+8	5,158	-5
For milk cow replacement	700	+4	4,557	+1
Other heifers	55	-8	9,818	+1
Steers 500 lbs & over	370	+3	16,382	-1
Bulls 500 lbs & over	30	n.c.	2,153	-2
Calves under 500 lbs	700	n.c.	14,500	-3
	2010	Change	2010	Change
Calf crop	1,390	+1	35,685	-1

1/Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

U. S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down

Wisconsin's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled 90,000 head, unchanged from last year. Total breeding stock was 76,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 14,000. The lamb crop for 2010 was 77,000 head, which is an average of 1.35 lambs per ewe.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, 2 percent lower than in 2010. Breeding inventory was 4.12 million head, and market sheep and lambs totaled 1.42 million head, both down from 2010. The 2010 lamb crop totaled 3.60 million head. Average lambs per ewe were 1.08.

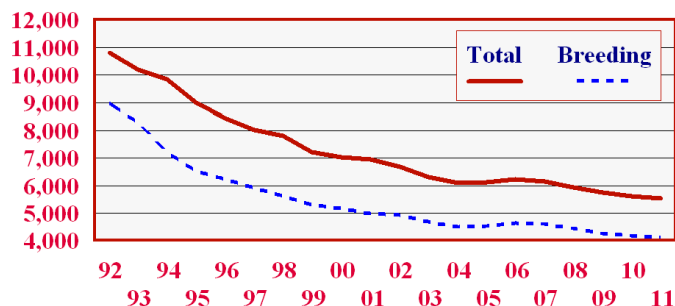
Sheep and Lambs — January 1, Wisconsin and U.S.

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2010	2011	Change	2010	2011	Change
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
All sheep & lambs	90	90	n.c.	5,620	5,530	-2
Market	15	14	-7	1,435	1,415	-1
Breeding sheep and lambs	75	76	+1	4,185	4,115	-2
Replacement lambs- under one year old	14	14	n.c.	655	670	+2
Ewes one year old and older	57	59	+4	3,335	3,255	-2
Rams-one year old and older	4	3	-25	195	190	-3

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Sheep and Lambs United States, 1992-2011

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Wisconsin Leads the Nation in Milk Goats

On January 1, 2011, inventory of milk goats (does, bucks, and kids) in Wisconsin totaled 50,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year ago. Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in milk goat inventory. Wisconsin's meat and other goats totaled 17,000 head, a decrease of 4,000 from last year. Statewide, there were 1,000 Angora goats, unchanged from last year.

U.S. all goat inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, 1 percent lower than last year. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, and market goats were 514,000 head. The 2010 kid crop was 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009. Meat goats (and goats other than milk and angora) totaled 2.47 million head, down two percent from 2010. Milk goats in the U.S. totaled 360,000, 1 percent higher than the previous year.

Nationwide, there were 172,000 Angora goats, up 7 percent. Mohair production during 2010 was 1.08 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 181,000. Average weight per clip was 6.0 pounds. Mohair price averaged \$3.49 per pound, and the total value of production was \$3.79 million.



Wool Production and Value

Wisconsin's wool production in 2010 totaled 500,000 pounds. Weight per fleece averaged 7.1 pounds, down 0.2 pounds from the previous year. During 2010, a total of 70,000 sheep were shorn. The average price for wool sold in 2010 was 40 cents per pound, unchanged from 2009. The value of Wisconsin wool totaled \$200,000.

Nationwide, wool production totaled 30.6 million pounds in 2010, down 1 percent from 2009. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.22 million head. The price paid for wool averaged \$1.15 per pound, up 36 cents from 2009. The total value of production was \$35.3 million, an increase of \$11.0 million from the previous year.

Wool Production

Area and Year	Number of sheep shorn	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value production
	1,000 hd.	Pounds	1,000 lbs.	Dollars	1,000 dol.
WI					
2008	62	7.1	440	0.45	198
2009	64	7.3	470	0.40	188
2010	70	7.1	500	0.40	200
US					
2008	4,434	7.4	32,963	0.99	32,486
2009	4,195	7.4	30,860	0.79	24,337
2010	4,215	7.3	30,600	1.15	35,288

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Goats and Kids - January 1 Number, by use, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, 2009–2011

State	Milk Goats			Angora Goats			Meat and Other Goats		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	40	47	50	1	1	1	18	21	17
Iowa 1/	24.5	29.5	31	-	-	-	32.5	25	25
Minnesota	11.5	13	12	1	1	1	20	22	25
California	37	38	38	4	3.5	3.5	95	93	100
Texas	20	20	20	120	100	100	980	990	950
United States	335	356	360	185	161	172	2,549.00	2,521.00	2,468.00

1/Angora goat inventories not published, but are included in United States total. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn and soybeans increased from December to January, while prices for milk and oats decreased during the same period. Prices for potatoes, alfalfa hay, and other hay remained at the same level as in December.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$5.20 per bushel in mid-January. This was a gain of 70 cents over the previous month's price and \$1.63 over the price in January 2010. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$5.37 per bushel in mid-January.

The average price for Wisconsin soybeans was \$12.50 per bushel in mid-January, 90 cents more than the December price and \$2.64 more than in January 2010. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$12.60 per bushel in mid-January.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$2.51 per bushel in mid-January, 62 cents less than in the previous month but 47 cents more than in January 2010. Nationally, mid-January oat prices averaged \$3.04 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$95.00 per ton as of mid-January, level with the previous month but \$20.00 less than in January 2010. The average price for other hay types remained at \$70.00 per ton from December to mid-January, but was \$20.00 less than the price in January of last year.

Cattle Program Alert!

Beginning with January 2011, State level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices will be discontinued. United States level cows, calves, steers & heifers, and beef cattle prices will be published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010	Jan. 15, 2011	Jan. 2010	Jan. 15, 2011
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	1,460.00	-	1,430.00	1,340.00	1,300.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	78.80	95.40	-	87.50	110.00
Cows 2/	Cwt.	46.00	53.00	-	47.90	63.00
Calves	Cwt.	130.00	149.00	-	109.00	135.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	16.30	16.50	16.00	16.10	16.20
Corn	Bu.	3.57	4.50	5.20	3.66	5.37
Oats	Bu.	2.04	3.13	2.51	2.19	3.04
Soybeans	Bu.	9.86	11.60	12.50	9.79	12.60
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	8.75	11.60	11.60	7.17	8.87
Fresh	Cwt.	6.15	11.70	-	5.74	-
Processing	Cwt.	10.30	11.50	-	8.42	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	115.00	95.00	95.00	111.00	121.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	90.00	70.00	70.00	97.70	95.30
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.90	7.40
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.67	7.23
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.68	4.05
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.10	24.10
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.29	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	48.40	54.60

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry edible beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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